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1. ON OF THEMES OF CORRIDOR CONVERSATION AT COUNCIL SESSION HAS BEEN THE POSSIBLE NEED FOR "CONTINUOUS" ON PERMANENT SESSIONS OF COUNCIL. DELS OF BRAZIL AND JAMAICA HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY ACTIVE PROPONENTS OF IDEA. NO DELEGATION HAS OBJECTED TO IDEA IN PRINCIPLE, BUT DISAGREE AS TO TIMING OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH AN IDEA. MOST DEVELOPED DELS BELIEVE THAT, IN VIEW OF ALREADY CROWDED AGENDA WHICH BEING ADDED TO BY RESES AND DECISIONS THIS SESSION, IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO TAKE THE DECISION TO ESTABLISH "PERMANENT" SESSION NOW.

2. US DEL HAS RECEIVED PRELIMINARY BRAZIL-JAMAICAN DRAFT ON SUBJECT WHICH IS STILL BEING DISCUSSED AMONG G-77. IT ALMOST CERTAIN THAT RESOLUTION ALONG THESE LINES WILL BE INTRODUCED. DEPT'S COMMENTS REQUESTED
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ON DRAFT QUOTED BELOW:

"THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

"REAFFIRMING ITS CONVICTION EXPRESSED IN RESOLUTION 1768(LIV) OF 18 MAY 1973 THAT BOTH SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM MEASURES FOR THE REORGANIZATION AND REORIENTATION OF ITS OWN ACTIVITIES AND THOSE OF ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS ARE REQUIRED TO STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CO-OPERATION,

"MINDFUL OF THE PROVISIONS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3202 (S-VI) OF 1 MAY 1974 CONCERNING "PROGRAM OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER," SECTION IX PARAGRAPH 3(B) OF WHICH PROVIDES THAT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXAMINING THE PROGRESS REPORTS OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS AND SUBSIDIARY BODIES CONCERNED WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION, THE COUNCIL MAY BE CONVENED, AS NECESSARY, IN SPECIAL SESSION OR, IF NEED BE, MAY FUNCTION CONTINUOUSLY,

"DESIROUS OF DISCHARGING MORE EFFECTIVELY THE FUNCTIONS AND MANDATE CONFERRED UPON IT BY THE CHARTER, AND OF GIVING EFFECT TO THE TERMS OF THE AFORESAID GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION,

"CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED TO MAKE THE MOST EFFICIENT USE OF THE SERVICES AND FACILITIES PLACED AT ITS DISPOSAL (WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE BUDGET FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY),

"CONSIDERING THAT THE OBJECTIVES REFERRED TO IN THE TWO PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS MIGHT BE ACHIEVED MORE ECONOMICALLY BY AN ADJUSTMENT OF THE CALENDAR OF ITS SESSIONS,

"1. EXPRESSES ITS BELIEF THAT ITS PRESENT PATTERN OF MEETINGS DOES NOT ALLOW IT TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH THE SUBSTANCE OF IMPORTANT AND URGENT POLICY QUESTIONS;

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"2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONSIDER WHETHER, IN ADDITION TO THE TWO REGULAR ANNUAL SESSIONS AT WHICH THE COUNCIL WOULD DEAL WITH SELECTED RECURRENT MATTERS, SHORT (RESUMED) (SPECIAL) SESSIONS OF NOT MORE THAN FOUR DAYS' DURATION MIGHT BE CONVENED BY THE PRESIDENT (IN CONSULTATION WITH...) FROM TIME TO TIME AT WHICH CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN EXCLUSIVELY TO A SPECIFIC MATTER OF SPECIFIC MATTERS REQUIRING URGENT

ATTENTION;

"3. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AT ITS ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION IN 1975 ON A POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENT OF THE CALENDAR ON THE LINES INDICATED IN THE FOREGOING PARAGRAPH, IN PARTICULAR TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING:

"(A) THE ITEMS ON THE BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK OF 1975 WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AT SHORT (RESUMED) (SPECIAL) SESSIONS OF NOT MORE THAN FOUR DAYS' DURATION;

"(B) THE DETERMINATION OF THE DATES OF SUCH SESSIONS, BEARING IN MIND THE NEED TO OBSERVE THE SIX-WEEKS RULE FOR THE CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT TO BE CONSIDERED;

"(C) THE MANNER IN WHICH ANY ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES THAT MIGHT BE INCURRED AS A RESULT OF SUCH A CHANGE IN THE PATTERN OF MEETINGS MAY BE OFFSET BY A REDUCTION IN THE DURATION OF THE REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE COUNCIL OR BY OTHER MEANS." ABRAMS

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